

# Education Programs Overview

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## ❖ New Jersey National Guard Tuition (Waiver) Program

- 31 Participating State Schools (see Eligible State School list)
- *Undergraduate/Graduate* Tuition waived for NJNG members (Army or Air)
  - Must remain in good standing with your unit
  - MUST apply for financial aid *annually* (FAFSA) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
  - NJDMAVA Form 621-2-R "Commander's Certification" *every semester* (unit issued)
  - Must comply with school policies, procedures and academic standards

## ❖ Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606

- Basic Eligibility Requirements
  - High School Diploma or equivalent (GED)
  - Completion of IADT (Basic Training AND MOS Training)
  - First Reserve Component 6 Year Contract or service obligation after 30 June 1985
- Benefits of the MGIB: **(VA Hotline: 1-888-GI-BILL-1)**
  - Provides 36 full-time months of entitlement (at VA approved schools)
    - FY05 rates for Chapter 1606 are as follows:
      - ◆ Full-time (12+ college credits) \$288 (Max 36 months)
      - ◆  $\frac{3}{4}$  Time (9-11 college credits) \$216 (Max 48 months)
      - ◆  $\frac{1}{2}$  Time (6-8 college credits) \$143 (Max 72 months)
      - ◆  $< \frac{1}{2}$  Time ( $< 6$  college credits) \$71.75 (Max 144 months)
  - Expires 14 years from the day of eligibility. Total entitlement =  $36 \times \$288 = \$10,368$
- Application Procedures (VA processing time is currently 2-3 months)
  - Submit NJDMAVA Form 603 "Request for Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)"
  - Soldier receives NOBE and brings it to Certifying Official at VA approved school
- Additional information <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

## ❖ ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance *Accredited schools only*

- Used for degree program courses taken at NJ Private or Out of State Schools
- \$250 per semester hour } Not to exceed 100% of tuition
- \$166 per quarter hour } Up to \$4,500 per soldier, per Fiscal Year
- May be used together with the MGIB-SR if enrolled as  $\frac{1}{2}$  time or more
- Use **DA Form 2171-E** and **NJDAMAVA 2171-R** application for both Distance Learning & Traditional courses
- Applications available at: <http://www.nj.gov/military/education/TA.htm>

## ❖ Evaluation of Military Experience and Degree Planning

- Go to <http://www.virtualarmory.com> to complete an Education Support Center (ESC) application for an educational assessment and degree plans
  - Click on "Education" link then go to "Education Support Center"
  - Click on "How to Apply" option and choose your method of application
- If you are unable to access the internet ESC can be contacted at:
  - Toll Free 1-866-628-5999 or Fax 1-501-212-4928



NJARNG Education Center, 3650 Saylors Pond Road, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640  
1 (888) 859-0352 or (609) 562-0654 Fax: (609) 562-0201

<http://www.nj.gov/military/education>

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# New Jersey National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

## Eligible State Schools

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| 1. <b>Atlantic</b> Cape Community College | 16. <b>NJ</b> Institute of Technology  |
| 2. <b>Bergen</b> Community College        | 17. <b>Ocean</b> County College  |
| 3. <b>Brookdale</b> Community College     | 18. <b>Passaic</b> County Community College  |
| 4. <b>Burlington</b> County College       | 19. <b>Ramapo</b> College of NJ  |
| 5. <b>Camden</b> County College           | 20. <b>Raritan</b> Valley Community College  |
| 6. <b>Cumberland</b> County College       | 21. <b>Richard Stockton</b> College of NJ  |
| 7. <b>Essex</b> County College            | 22. <b>Rowan</b> University  |
| 8. <b>Gloucester</b> County College       | 23. <b>Rutgers</b> , The State Univ. of NJ   |
| 9. <b>Hudson</b> County Community Col.    | 24. <b>Salem</b> Community College   |
| 10. <b>New Jersey City</b> University *   | 25. <b>Sussex</b> County Community College   |
| 11. <b>Kean</b> University                | 26. <b>The College of New Jersey</b> **  |
| 12. <b>Mercer</b> County Community Col.   |  27. <b>Thomas Edison</b> State College  |
| 13. <b>Middlesex</b> County College       | 28. <b>Union</b> County College  |
| 14. <b>Montclair</b> State University     | 29. <b>Univ.</b> of <b>Medicine</b> & <b>Dentistry</b> of <b>NJ</b>  |
| 15. County College of <b>Morris</b>       | 30. <b>Warren</b> County Community College   |
| * Formerly Jersey City State College      | 31. <b>William Paterson</b> Univ. of NJ  |
| ** Formerly Trenton State                 |  |

Each school has their own policies and procedures for administering the NJNGTP. You must find out which office is responsible for this program and meet with a representative from that office before you register. This will ensure that you follow the school's policy. For assistance, contact the Veterans Affairs Representative, the Financial Aid Office or the Registrar's Office. For Internet hyperlinks go to:

<http://www.state.nj.us/military/education/Colleges.htm>

**New State Law Eliminates Late Registration Policy: Effective 8 January 2002**

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